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IN REPLY TO:
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FORCE POLICY LETTER 2-03

From: Commander, Marine Forces Reserve
To: General Officers
Commanding Officers
Officers in Charge
Inspector-Instructors

Subj: UNIT RELOCATIONS

Ref: (a) ForO 5400.1B

1. The presence of Marine Forces Reserve units in American communities provides both a tangible reminder of the role the Marine Corps plays in our Nation's defense and its contribution to society during peacetime. The location of our units is a critical element in maintaining our presence and linkage to the American public.
2. The relocation of Marine Forces Reserve units is a Force level decision made by the Commander, Marine Forces Reserve. It is not within the province of the local Commander. There are a number of factors that must be evaluated to arrive at a decision, to include: community presence, recruiting demographics, access to training areas, Congressional interest, environmental impact, and facility operating costs. After full consultation with my subordinate Commanding Generals, I evaluate these factors according to the process delineated in the reference.
3. I encourage on-site Commanders to bring possible relocation issues up through the chain of command when they determine it appropriate; however, any public discussion of unit relocation prior to my approval is predecisional and must be avoided. Public and Congressional notification is an action initiated at the Force level.
4. The reference provides the procedures for initiating and implementing the relocation of units. Actions to relocate units will not occur until it has been favorably endorsed through the respective Commanding General and approved by me.


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